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2021 “ArtsVote” Contest Winners!

Lee County, FL (May 10, 2021) The Lee Elections “ArtsVote” Contest gives students at participating high schools the opportunity to unleash their creativity and talent to the fullest to promote civic engagement, voting, and patriotism. The 2021 contest began December 14, 2020, and ended on April 16, 2021.

Lee County Supervisor of Elections, Tommy Doyle, is thankful for the participation of the students and teachers who submitted their pieces in this different and challenging school year. Tommy stated, “We were excited to receive 13 remarkable entries, one more than last year!”

Cypress Lake High School and North Fort Myers High School participated in this year’s contest. Tommy Doyle and his fellow judges selected the winning pieces from the 13 entries; 12 from Cypress Lake High School and one from North Fort Myers High School.

Supervisor Doyle is honored to announce the three top winners.

- **First Place “Best Artwork”: Cooper Kraft, North Fort Myers High School**
- **Second Place “Most Original Artwork”: Alayna Calkins, Cypress Lake High School**
- **Third Place “Most Creative Artwork”: Richard Riley, Cypress Lake High School**

Cooper Kraft is a junior whose First Place “Best Artwork” made North Fort Myers High School the winner for the first time in the four-year history of Lee Elections’ “Arts Vote” Contest! In his own words, Cooper explains, “Dreaming is fine, but my artwork shows a young woman on the cusp of turning 18. At 18, we can do something about our dreams – we can take action and vote.”

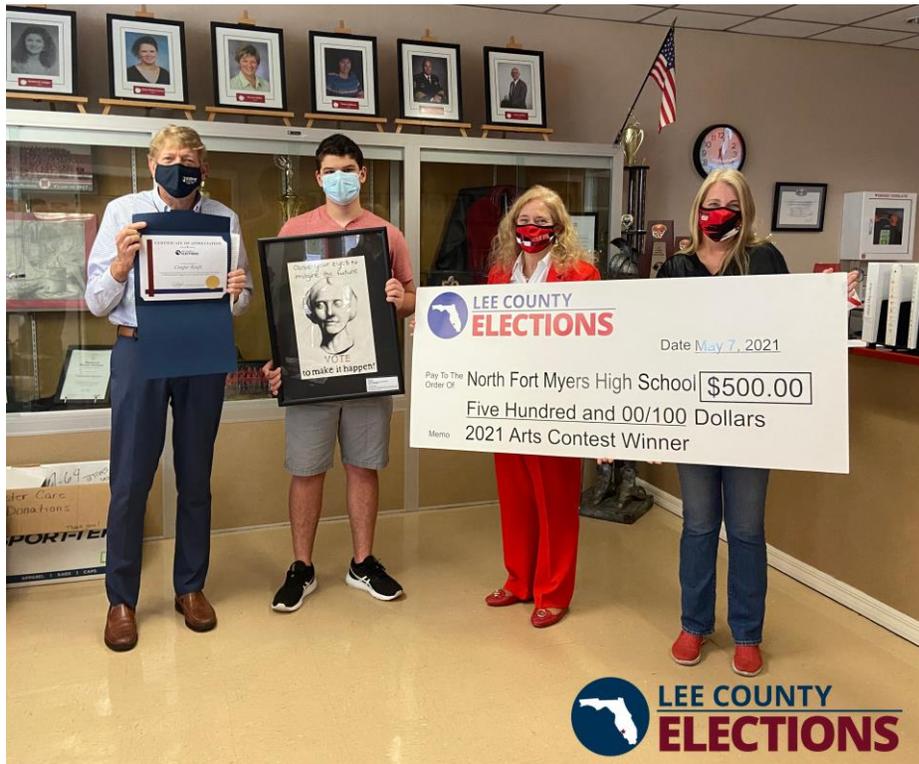
Alayna Calkins, a sophomore from Cypress Lake High School, won this year’s Second Place “Most Original Artwork” with an art piece depicting the importance of participation in voting, no matter what your political views are. She wrote, “Over the years, America has become a battlefield in regards to political views. Without eligible citizens voting, America would never be able to reach for the best results of its future. You are the missing piece to this puzzle; no matter what side you partake in; we will make the states united together.”

Cypress Lake High School junior Richard Riley’s Third Place “Most Creative Artwork” piece incorporates cultural symbols that resemble freedom in the United States. He explains his work “exhibits United States cultural symbols that resemble freedom such as the bald eagle, our American Flag, and our right to vote. Thus promoting how we are a country whose people are free to influence the nation as a whole and guide its progression. Showing just how important voting is for the country and its people.”

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office awarded First Place Winner Cooper Kraft with a gift card and a certificate of appreciation for participating in the contest. In support of local schools and the arts, Supervisor Doyle presented North Fort Myers High School Principal Debbie Diggs with a \$500 donation! A special thank you to Art Teacher Joy Williams for her support of the contest.



Cooper Kraft, First Place Winner



Left to Right: Tommy Doyle, Cooper Kraft, Joy Williams, & Debbie Diggs

Participants: *(in alphabetical order)*: Cypress Lake High School: Mckenzie Donahue, Kaitlyn Logue. Melaineey Logue, Vanessa Moran, Sophia Morris, Jacinto Parra de Lao, Genesis Quiros, Irini Remboulis, Richard Riley, and Trinity Shain.

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